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To: Allen County Tax Units

From: Lisa Blosser, Allen County Auditor

Re: Recommended 2011 Budget Approval Timeline

I have enclosed a 2011 Budget Approval Timeline that will help you plan for the upcoming budget season. The County Council's Non-binding review is scheduled for Wednesday September 22, 2010. The Allen County Fiscal Summit is scheduled for 9:00am on August 3, 2010. The Summit will help us share and plan for our 2011 budget needs as a community and will include a presentation from Dr. Larry DeBoer of Purdue University (an excerpt from Dr. DeBoer's Bio is below for your reference).

If you have any questions, with regard to the enclosed timeline or Fiscal Summit, contact Tera Klutz at 449-7662.

Excerpt from Dr. DeBoer's Biography . . .

Larry DeBoer studies state and local government public policy, including such topics as government budget and taxing options, issues of property tax assessment, local government revenue options, and the fiscal impact of economic development. He consults with the Indiana Legislative Services Agency about tax and finance issues, including the annual state revenue forecasts. The legislature uses his model of the Indiana property tax to analyze the effects of policy changes.

## ALLEN COUNTY TAX UNIT RECOMMENDED 2011 BUDGET TIME-LINE

Friday, July 23, 2010	Distribution of Auditor Certificate estimating Net Assessed Values and Miscellaneous Revenues for 2011
Tuesday, August 03, 2010	Allen County Fiscal Summit - Dr. Larry DoBoer, Keynote Location: City-County Building - Omni Room Second Floor - 9:00am (Opportunity to plan and share information regarding 2011budgets)
Wednesday, September 01, 2010	Recommended Date to Submit Tax Unit Proposed Budget and Tax Levy to County Council for Non-Binding Budget Review
Thursday, September 02, 2010	Deadline for First Advertisement of Tax Unit proposed budget
Thursday, September 09, 2010	Deadline for Second Advertisement of Tax Unit proposed budget
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	Council Non-binding Review of County Taxing Unit's Budgets
Wednesday, September 29, 2010	Auditor will issue Council's Recommendations to Tax Unit and DLGF
Friday, October 15, 2010	First Day Final Budget could be adopted (Not a statutory deadline)*
Monday, November 01, 2010	Deadline for Tax Units to adopt their Final Budget

IMPORTANT REMINDER: This recommended timeline is not for schools or tax units with appointed governing bodies that are either: a solid waste management district; a fire protection district; or has a proposed budget increase in 2011 over the 2010 budget of more than the assessed value growth quotient (currently estimated to be between 1.5% to 3%). Tax units that meet the above criteria must submit their proposed budgets, rates, and levies to the appropriate city or county fiscal body by October 1, 2010 for final approval and adoption of their budget.

\*The Allen County Auditor recommends Tax Units adopt their final budget on or after October 15, 2010